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II. Replies received from Governments

Japan

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In accordance with operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of resolution 65/55, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium", which was adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 2010, Japan submits its views to the Secretary-General on the effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium.

Japan has neither owned nor used armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium. Japan recognizes that despite the studies conducted by relevant international organizations on the effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium on human health and the environment, at present, no internationally definitive conclusion has been drawn. Japan will continue to follow carefully the developments of the studies conducted by the relevant international organizations.

Japan would like to call upon all relevant international organizations to conduct successive on-site studies and further information gathering, including the latest scientific findings, with due attention to the opinions and activities of the interested non-governmental organizations in this field, and to provide their views on the effects that the use of depleted uranium munitions may/can cause on the human body as well as on the environment.

In this connection, Japan intends to continue to engage in dialogue, where appropriate, with civil society on this matter.

Qatar

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The State of Qatar has not conducted studies or research on the effects of depleted uranium on health. However, in light of studies published in this regard, the State of Qatar recommends the adoption of a resolution that would prohibit this kind of armament and ammunition, and the disposal of stockpiles in order to safeguard present and future generations.